

**Plenary Speakers / Bible Study Leader**



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**Rev. Alka Lyall** is a life long Methodist originally from India. She came to the United States in 1996 and she graduated from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 2000. She is an ordained clergy of the Northern Illinois Conference since 2005. She has been in pastoral ministry for the last ten years. She serves as chair of the Outreach Ministry Area of the Northern Illinois Conference Program Council and on Conference and District Boards, Agencies and Committees. In India, she served various leadership roles on local, national and International level. As a Youth and Young Adult- Alka served on the Presidium of the World Methodist Council. She is married to Rajiv and together they have two boys- Ronnie and Abhinav.



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